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RCE and Response dated: 06/26/06

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In a Notice of Allowance dated April 05, 2006, the Examiner noted that the Applicants' claims 1-22, in the above identified patent application are allowed. However, the Applicants in review of the Applicants' corresponding worldwide patent applications noticed that several reference cited in the prosecution of the corresponding European patent application were inadvertently not cited in this U.S. application without deceptive intent. In response and to correct this inadvertent error, the Applicant is submitting herewith an RCE and an accompanying supplemental IDS including the references cited in the prosecution of the corresponding European patent applications.

The Applicants state that the failure to cite the references cited in the prosecution of the corresponding European patent applications in the prosecution of the above identified U.S. application was done so without deceptive intent. The Applicants, however, respectfully submit that the Applicants' claims are now in allowable form over any and all of the references cited in the prosecution of the corresponding European patent applications. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims remain in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The Applicants are submitting herewith, an RCE and a supplemental IDS listing all of the references cited in the prosecution of the Applicants' corresponding European patent applications for the Examiner's consideration in the prosecution of the above identified U.S. patent application. However, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Applicants' claims are now in allowable form over any and all of the references cited in the prosecution of the corresponding European patent applications. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently and remain in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of

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the subject application to completion, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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